

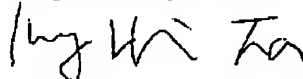
REMARKS

This case has been reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 10/23/2006. The Official Action is a Restriction Requirement where the Examiner has required identification of what the Examiner believes to be patentably distinct species of Figs. 1-2 related to a joint that has a round disk like shape, or Figs. 3 to 4 related to a joint that has a notch.

Applicant, after reviewing the Restriction Requirement, hereby elects the single disclosed species of Figs. 3 to 4 for further prosecution in this case. It is believed that Claims 1, 2 and 4 to 6 are readable on Figs. 3 to 4 and thus by this Response, Applicant elects Claims 1, 2 and 4 to 6 for further prosecution in this application.

It is now believed that the subject patent application has been placed in condition for examination and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.



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